

B-3374 - B-3382  
1001-1039 Light St. (East side)  
Baltimore, Md.  
Private access

1837-1854

A large portion of the east side of the 1000 block of Light St. was originally improved with a row of two and a half story, late Federal style brick houses built by John S. Gittings and others in the late 1830's and early 1840's. Of these houses only 1003 and 1005 Light St. survive in their original exterior form, with 1027-1029 Light St. retaining their original two story height, but minus their original dormer windows. 1001 and 1025 Light St. are now three story, three bay wide brick commercial/residential structures with shed roofs and bracketed cornices; 1007 and 1009 Light St. are three story, two bay wide brick houses with shed roofs and bracketed cornices. A number of the early houses on this block have been replaced by modern, one story high commercial structures. The southern portion of the block was originally improved with a row of three story, gable-roofed houses in the early 1850's, of which only 1031 Light St. survives in its original form. 1033 and 1037-1039 Light St. have had their gable roofs rebuilt as shed roofs with bracketed cornices added. The first floor areas of all of these later houses have been converted to modern storefronts.

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## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

### 1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

### 2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

1007 Light St.

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

### 3 CLASSIFICATION

#### CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT  
☒ BUILDING(S)  
☐ STRUCTURE  
☐ SITE  
☐ OBJECT

#### OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC  
☒ PRIVATE  
☐ BOTH

#### PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS  
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

#### STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED  
☐ UNOCCUPIED  
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS  
**ACCESSIBLE**  
☒ YES: RESTRICTED  
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED  
☐ NO

#### PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE  
☐ COMMERCIAL  
☐ EDUCATIONAL  
☐ ENTERTAINMENT  
☐ GOVERNMENT  
☐ INDUSTRIAL  
☐ MILITARY  
☐ MUSEUM  
☐ PARK  
☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE  
☐ RELIGIOUS  
☐ SCIENTIFIC  
☐ TRANSPORTATION  
☐ OTHER

### 4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

### 5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Records Office Room 601

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

Baltimore City Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

STATE

Maryland 21202

### 6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION****CONDITION**☐ EXCELLENT☒ GOOD☐ FAIR☐ DETERIORATED☐ RUINS☐ UNEXPOSED**CHECK ONE**☒ UNALTERED☐ ALTERED**CHECK ONE**☒ ORIGINAL SITE☐ MOVED DATE \_\_\_\_\_**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

This three story, two bay brick house with shed roof and bracketed cornice ~~cornice represents an enlargement of the original gable roofed~~ ~~gable roofed~~ house that was built on this site in the 1840's and formed part of a group of such houses extending along this side of Light St.

The house is three stories in height, 14' wide, and occupies a lot 70' deep. There is a two story high, two bay deep rear addition, followed by a two story high, one bay deep frame addition. The house is constructed in running bond. The shed roof is capped by a wooden cornice consisting of a deeply projecting crown molding set above panels decorated with scroll-sawed motifs, bordered by a row of quarter-round carvings. Three grooved brackets support the cornice and connect it to a lower molding strip. The brick freize area thus formed is punctuated by two scroll-sawed ventilating panels. There is a rear end chimney located at the east end of the brick rear addition.

All of the door and window openings have splayed brick lintels and wood sill. The first floor window opening is filled with a 4/4 double hung sash; the second and third floor window openings are filled with 2/2 sash. There is a modern flu door set beneath a single light transom which has been covered with siding. The house sits on a fairly high basement, the entrance being reached by three stone steps. A square-shaped basement opening is located directly to the right of the steps and there is a door leading to the basement, set below the level of the sidewalk, located beneath the first floor window.

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# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1841 (orig.)/enl. 1870's BUILDER/ARCHITECT John S. Gittings

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This house is representative of a fairly large number of houses in the Federal Hill area that were built in the 1840's and 1850's with gable roofs and simple brick cornices but which were remodeled after the Civil War in the currently fashionable Victorian style, with the gable roof being raised and rebuilt as a shed roof and a modern bracketed cornice added. This house, like its immediate neighbor to the north, 1005 Light St., was built as a two story house with dormer windows.

The house was built by John S. Gittings, an active local real estate developer. The first owner-occupant was a Robert Jones, a blacksmith, who lived here in the 1840's. The second owner, Edward Bird, was also a blacksmith.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Baltimore City Land Records, Liber TK 323, Folio 296; ED 34, Folio 431; Baltimore City Directory, 1856-57, 1849-50

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 14' x 70'

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

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ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust / Struever Bros. & Eccles

DATE

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STREET &amp; NUMBER

1745 Circle Rd.

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

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STATE

Maryland 21204

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

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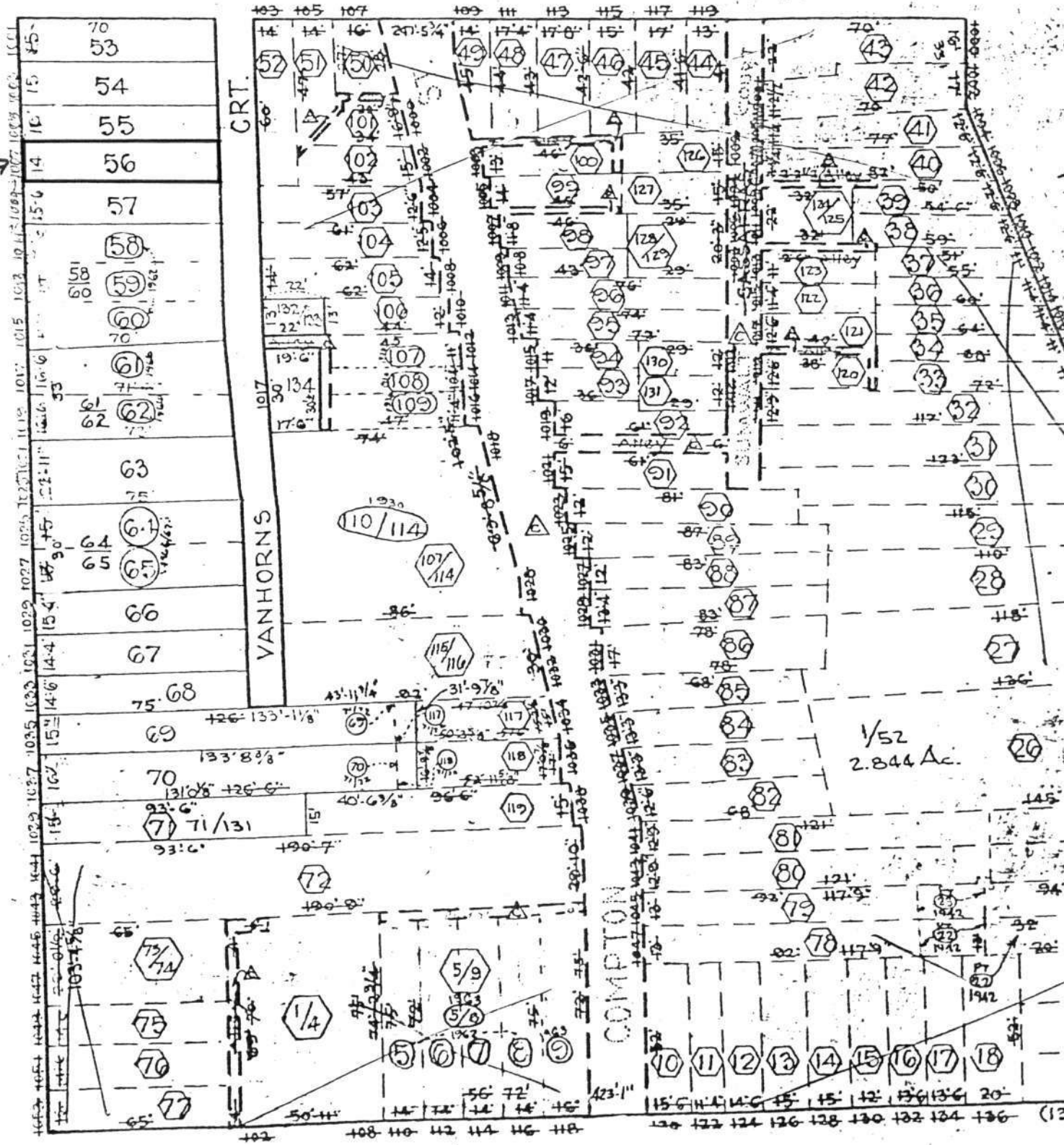
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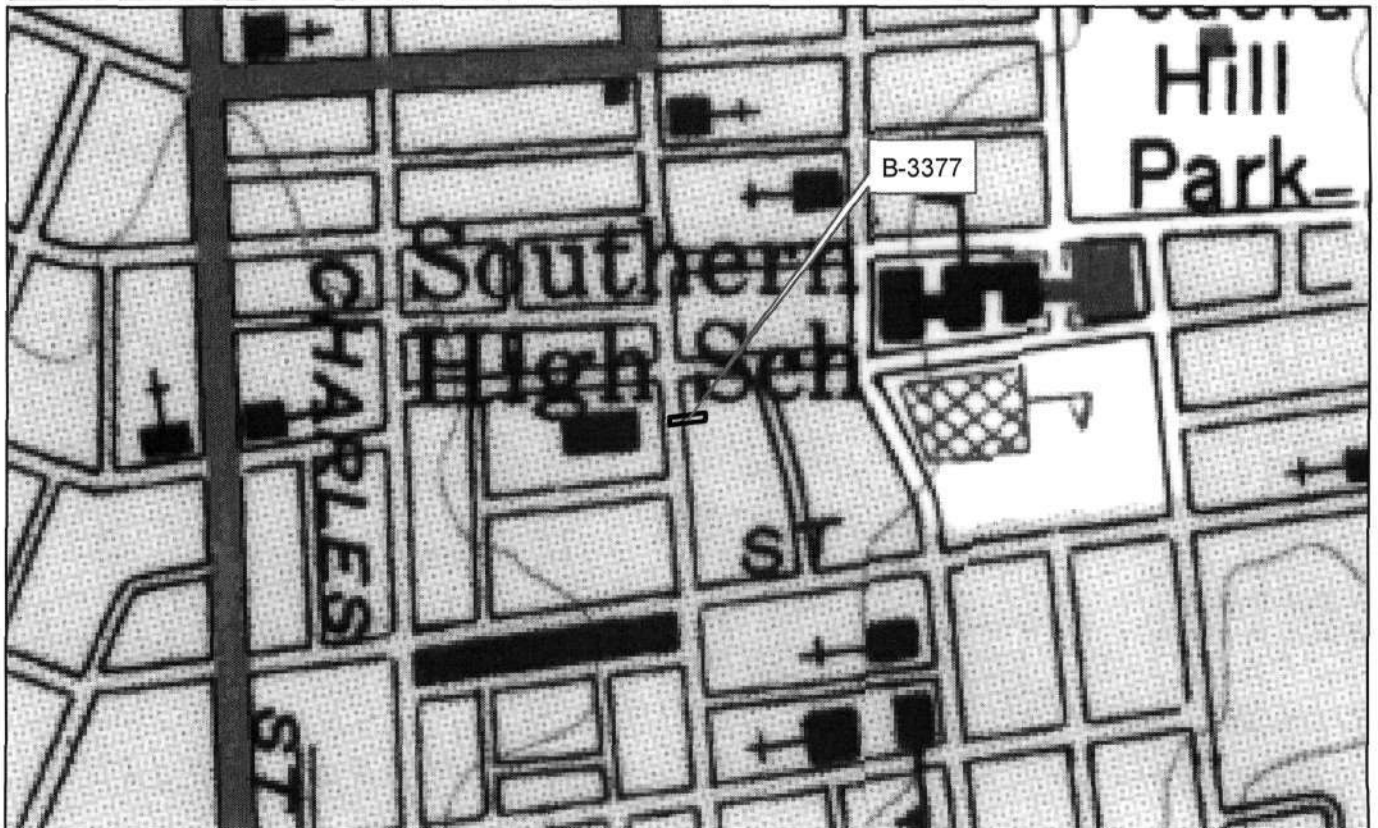
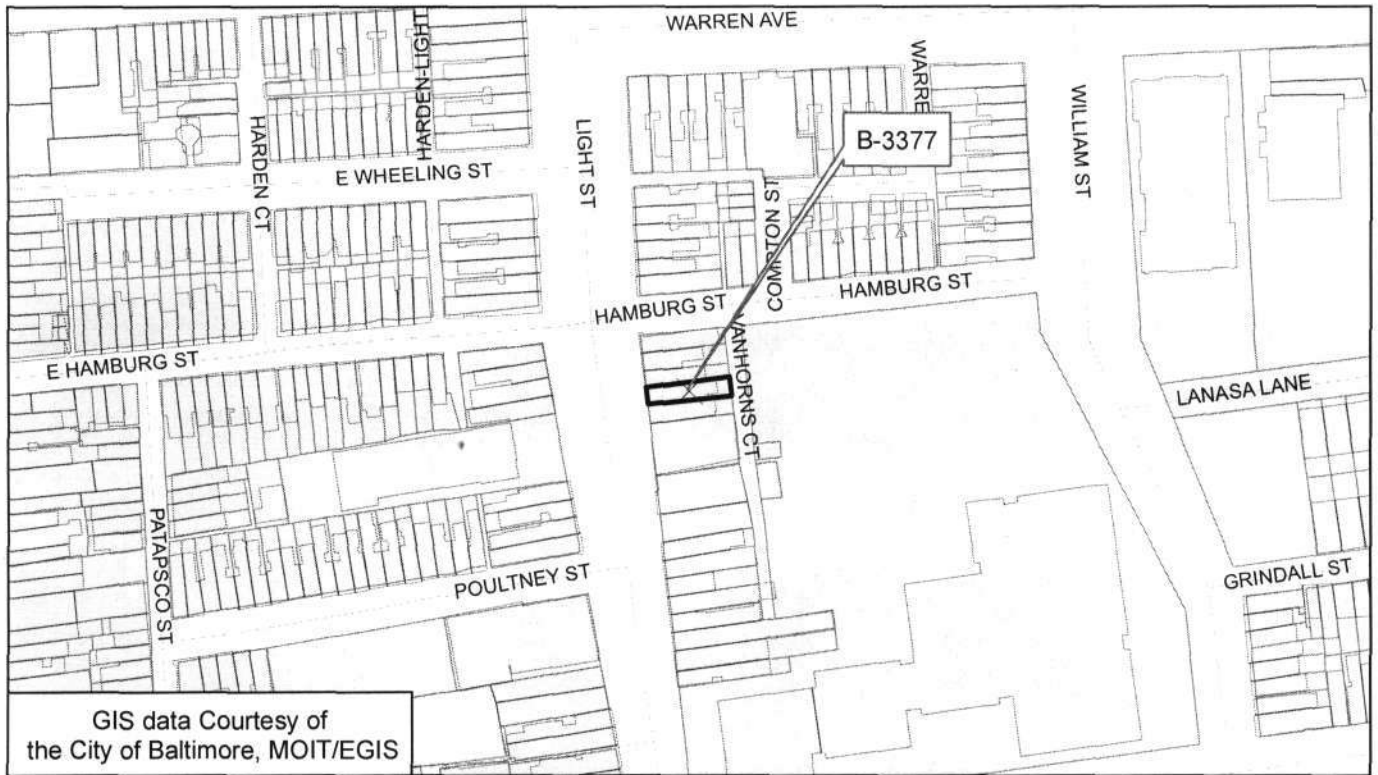
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Block 0936 Lot 056  
Baltimore City  
Baltimore East Quad.







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West elevation